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QUITMAN HIGH SCHOOL
Monthly, Term and Annual
Report

of *Bennet, Mildred*

9th Grade.....Section

for school year *1919-20*

.....Teacher

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In Memoriam.

Reverend

Edward Abiel Stevens D. D.

“Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.” Matt. 5 : 8.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” Ps. 116 : 15.

AN ADDRESS

By the Rev. L. J. Denchfield, delivered in the Baptist Church, Rangoon, Burma, at the funeral of the Rev. E. A. Stevens, D. D., Sunday morning, June 20th, 1886.

THE thoughts that I wish to give expression to this morning, I shall cluster around the words of the disciples of John the Baptist, as recorded in the 12th verse of the 14th chapter of Matthew: "And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus."

Although the teachings of our Lord Jesus give us no specific directions as to how we should act under specific circumstances, yet, guided by the inspiration that God gave them, the sacred writers were led to give here and there a hint in discourse, and hither and yon a touch to their verbal pictures which are sufficient to careful readers to show them how to conduct themselves under almost every circumstance.

Such an one we have in the passage before us. The "disciples came and took up his body, and buried it and went and told Jesus ; showing us how to act under the sad and sorrowful circumstances in which we this morning find ourselves.

The historic setting of these words is familiar to most of you. After a short but faithful and successful service of about three years, the labours of the Baptist were brought to, what was thought by his disciples, an untimely end at the hands of Herod the king ; but not untimely to the mind of God, for his work, as the forerunner of Christ, had already been well and completely done. This however John's disciples could not understand, and yet they were led in their blindness to do the very best thing they could possibly have done—they "went and told Jesus." Now to me it appears that our circumstances this morning are very similar to theirs. For in the first place, *they had lost one whom they had loved.* Perhaps upon no other supposition can we explain their action in seeking the body of their leader at the peril of their lives. How long they had been with John as his disciples we do not know, but probably from the beginning of his ministry some three years before. While therefore

we are not accustomed to think of him who came "in the spirit and power of Elijah" as we are of his namesake, the "Apostle of gentleness" and the "minister of love," and who was known as the "beloved" and "the disciple whom Jesus loved," still, we believe their three years of constant intercourse had conceived within them affection and brought forth love. He had been to them their constant companion and acknowledged guide.

And so with us this morning. Whatever may be said in other respects, our dear brother Stevens was one that was loved. In this he had the pre-eminence among his brethren and none was jealous of his position. And the secret of this is not difficult to see. "We love Him," says the apostle John in reference to Christ, "because He first loved us." Herein lies the secret of the love of the brethren for him who when on earth was called Dr. Stevens. He loved his brethren and his brethren loved him. Perhaps there is no characteristic by which our brother will longer or more lovingly be remembered, than this.

Some of us, certainly, will never forget the tender sympathy, self-denying interest and gentlemanly kindness we have ever received at his hand. Notably

was this manifest towards those who differed from him in opinion, or who opposed him in action. True to his own convictions of truth and duty he ever was, but his heart was too large to refuse a place to them who differed from him. I speak from personal experience when I say, that I believe our brother came as near fulfilling the golden rule as any man I ever knew. If "a Christian is the highest style of man," Dr. Stevens was entitled to all that it claims. I am aware that could our brother hear, he would shrink from such statements, but there is a time to speak as well as to be silent, and that time is now.

But the circumstances of these disciples were similar to ours, not only in that they had lost one whom they had loved, but also, in that they had been bereft of one whom *they thought they very much needed*. Evidently they regarded their leader as the "messenger" of the Christ; as the one who should "prepare the way of the Lord." But right at a time when he was apparently needed most, he is taken away by the hatred of a woman who was a sinner. And so with hearts bleeding because of their affliction, and with the eyes of their faith dimmed on account of this, to them, mysterious and calamitous

providence, they go to Jesus and tell Him their trouble. Ah how fully this expresses our experience. How much some of us think we need on earth, and here in Burma, our brother Stevens who is now in heaven. So far as we can see his rare gifts and acknowledged abilities were never more needed than at the present time. His almost perfect knowledge of the Burmese language, his keen insight into the native character and his experimental familiarity with the working of the Mission in Burma, made him at least the equal of any of his brethren to counsel in reference to work in Upper Burma, which is now made possible by its annexation to the British realm. The Burma Baptist Missionary Convention, of which he was president; the Rangoon Missionary Society, of which he was also president; the Rangoon Baptist College, of whose board of trustees, he was chairman; the Burma Bible and Tract Society, of which he was first vice-president; the Burmese Baptist Church at Lamadaw and the Theological Class at Ahlone, as well as the Burmese *Messenger* which he edited and the host of other good objects that he assisted will feel his loss and miss his counsels. Like the disciples of John with their leader, it looks as if we needed our brother. But the master needed him

more and has taken him from us. And so while we, unlike them, know that it is His own right hand that hath done it, we will go to our Lord and tell him of our need. For of all others, He is the most interested and the most sympathetic. He loves our departed brother and the cause which will so much miss him, more than we ever can. "Touched with the feeling of our infirmitie," he is able to sympathize as man never can. Then

"Go tell it to Jesus ;

He knoweth thy grief ;

Go tell it to Jesus,

He'll send thee relief."

Let his fellow disciples come and take up our brother's body and bury it, and then "tell Jesus."

The following is a brief outline of our departed brother's life.

Edward Abiel Stevens, was born in Sunbury, Liberty County, Georgia, U. S. on Jan. 23, 1814, and so was at the time of his death, yesterday morning, a little more than 72 years of age. His parents, Oliver and Eliza Stevens, were members of the church of the choice of their late son, and distinguished, as he was, for their Christian virtues. At the

age of ten months he was given to the Lord like Samuel of old and dedicated by his mother to the cause of missions. It was not however until he himself had heard his missionary call that he knew of the desire of his mother. When about 14 years old, he experienced the change of heart he so often in after life preached the necessity of to others, and was baptized into the fellowship of the church in which his parents held their membership. His conviction of having been called to the ministry, must have soon after shown itself, as we find him about eight years afterwards, namely in 1836, under appointment as a missionary of the society which is now known as the A. B. M. U. Had he therefore lived until next Sabbath, he would have seen the 50th anniversary of his appointment as a missionary. At this time, namely at the age of 22, he was a graduate of Brown University, and Newton Theological Institution.

After spending a little more than a year in addressing congregations in behalf of missions, during which time he was ordained to the work of the ministry and married to the dear wife who to-day survives him, he sailed with his young bride, in company with missionaries Stilson and Brayton and

their wives for Burma, where he arrived, landing in Moulmein on the the 19th day of February, 1838, four months after setting sail from Boston.

Here began the busy life for which our brother was ever afterwards noted. For the first year he acted as pastor of the English church, a pastorate previously held by Dr. Kincaid, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Ingalls.

The following year he commenced the theological school for the training of native assistants, the work to which he had been appointed, and with which, with a few interruptions our brother was connected up to the time of his death. He also at this period held the pastorate of the Burmese Church as well as regularly edited *The Religious Herald*. A few years later, in 1851, he was relieved of the care of the Burmese Church by Dr. Wade, to enable him to give more time to the completion of the Burmese Dictionary, a work which was left unfinished by Dr. Judson.

In 1854 Dr. Stevens was privileged to make the first of his two visits to his native land, from whence he returned about two years later to labour in Rangoon, the station to which he had been appointed before he took his furlough home.

Of his work here in Rangoon it is hardly necessary for me to speak. His life for the last few years, during which time most of you have known him, was, from all I have been able to gather, a fair sample of the whole of his Rangoon life. Preaching almost every Sunday for the Burmese and English churches, superintending the work of the Telugu and Tamil Church, editing the Burmese *Messenger*, teaching his students for the Burmese ministry, and attending to the almost numberless calls, that are made upon the time and heart of a representative missionary in a city like Rangoon, he yet found time for the doing of a quantity of literary work, that to many men would be simply appalling, no less than nine different works bearing his name as translator, or author, exclusive of his labour in revising the Burmese Scriptures and the Burmese and English and the English and Burmese dictionaries, and the other tract like publications which he was called upon to write. His, certainly, up to the last few months, was a very busy and fruitful life.

He now rests from his labour and we believe, his "works do follow" him.

May we who have entered into his labours serve as faithfully as he served and receive at the end, what we believe he has, or will, receive; the "well done" of the Master of the harvest field, and the consecrated missionary's reward.

Extract from "The Rangoon Times."

Elsewhere will be found an obituary notice of the Revd. Edward Abiel Stevens, D. D. The funeral took place yesterday morning at the Baptist Cemetery. The arrangements made were that the body should be brought from Ahlone, so as to reach the English Baptist Church by 7-30 yesterday morning. The service commenced on the Burmese side and was so far conducted by the Revd. Mr. Rose. The English portion was conducted by the Revd. L. J. Denchfield. The church was intensely crowded and the congregation were deeply impressed with the solemnity. The hymn, "Servant of God well done," was well rendered by all in church. The address by the preacher found an echo in the hearts of his hearers.

Handel's 'March in Saul' was played as the body was removed from the church. At the cemetery, there was a very great number present to pay their last respects to a gentleman whose worth all appreciated while living and whose loss is now as keenly felt. All the religious communities were represented. The Right Revd. Dr. Strachan, Bishop of Rangoon, and a number of clergy were among those who paid a visit to the last resting place of the deceased. The burial service was very impressive. "They rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." R. I. P.

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A Glimpse of Heaven.

Hattie Stevens,

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BY A YOUNG LADY
FOR MANY YEARS BLIND AND OTHER-
WISE SORELY AFFLICTED.

"There was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."—PAUL.

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A visitor's first view of Blair's new home in the old Bennet house is a step back in time. Gingerbread woodwork, tiled fireplace surround, stained glass and unusual windows, plus gleaming wood floors make

this entryhall a Victorian dream. Plans are underway to use the second floor as a gift shop. Flower arrangements and gifts are displayed on period furniture.



Photos by Bill Williams

Blair's beautiful example

of adaptive restoration

BY ELLEN WILLIAMS

Blair's Flowers and Gifts has moved from their location at West Screven and Culpepper Streets to its new home in the Stanley Bennet house just two blocks away at the corner of Screven and Madison Streets.

The Bennet house, built around 1905 was a well known center of influence in Quitman and Brooks County for many years.

Situated next door to what is now the Brooks Historical Society building, the house remains essentially the same even though it has been converted to a business establishment.

Stanley Bennet, one of 10 children of Judge William Bennet, built the house and adjacent law office where he lived with his wife, the former Minnie Hightower and their four children. Quitmanites remember visiting with the Bennet family and many took music lessons there.

Donald and Deweece Blair and their son Olin, have taken great care that the house be preserved as a landmark in Quitman. Minor changes have been made such as enclosing a screened porch to house the necessary cooler for the flowers.

Refinished floors gleam, fireplace tiled fronts and mantels show that care was taken to restore them. Stained glass in the entrance hall casts soft light on the staircase and the antique gingerbread woodwork in the doorways. Many small tables have been arranged to display flowers and arrangements.

The dining room has an English look with new molding added to produce a half timbered effect. These areas enable the Blairs' to display floral arrangement while preserving the original walls.

Mrs. Blair would like to use the dining room in the future to serve coffee, tea and light refreshments. The side yard with its new brick steps to the side porch will be enclosed and planted with shrubbery and flowers so that a private party area can be utilized. With lattice work and brick walkways, this garden setting will be ideal for wedding and private parties.

Wedding displays are set up in the parlor to the right of the entrance. Mrs. Blair plans to add to this with a mannequin dressed in an antique wedding gown and veil.

The original chandeliers sparkle,

the butler's pantry shelves now hold vases and other tools of the florist's trade while the small music room has had one addition; the huge table used to make up floral arrangements.

With the help of the Downtown Development Authority and a loan from Quitman Federal, the Blair's have made a smooth transition from

a downtown business establishment to a Victorian home of style and elegance.

With the advent of the small tearoom, wedding parties and perhaps afternoon bridge parties to come, a venerable old house will relive some of the good times that it knew when the Bennet family was in residence.



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